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"CONTACT INFECTION"

DEAR EDITOR: I am not acquainted with the article referred to by the nurse who styles herself "A Back Number," but I should imagine "contact infection" in typhoid fever to mean practically the same as "digital infection." The hands (fingers in particular) coming in direct contact with the typhoid bacillus during the necessary attention to the patient's person, clothing, bed-pan, etc., unless thoroughly disinfected, *especially before meals*, act as carriers of infection. Years of observation have convinced me that lack of proper attention to the hands is a common cause of typhoid fever among nurses. May be I am "off the track" and the "contact infection" referred to may be something else; if so, I subscribe myself

ANOTHER BACK NUMBER.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION,
WARREN, OHIO, September 15, 1906.

DEAR MADAM: For many years, at every session of Congress, there has been introduced and referred to the appropriate committee a joint resolution providing for submitting to the State legislatures an amendment to the Constitution of the United States allowing women to vote. Hitherto this joint resolution has never received the necessary vote of two-thirds of the members of both Houses of Congress.

It is our belief that one of the reasons for past failure lies in the neglect of women, in the different States, to ask candidates for election to Congress, *before the elections*, whether or not they will vote for the submission of this amendment.

Members of Congress who pass through the campaign without being made aware of the desire of their constituents for the submission of this amendment, cannot reasonably be expected to interest themselves in it simply by reason of a congressional committee hearing, courteously granted, as a matter of form, to its advocates.

In order that candidates for election to Congress, next November, may be informed of the widespread desire for the enfranchisement of women, the undersigned committee asks not only suffrage clubs, but all women's clubs, to interrogate candidates of all parties, in their respective districts, as to the candidates' intentions with regard to the joint resolution providing for submitting to the legislatures of the States an amendment to the Constitution of the United States allowing women to vote.

If you care to participate in this effort on a national scale to secure the submission of this sixteenth amendment to the Constitution, will